

Merry Xmas
and
Happy New Year

The Port Weekly

Students, Attend
The
Fratry Dance

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Port Quintet Wins Two More

Roslyn Defeated 24-23;
Sea Cliff By 28-20 Score

The Port Quintet has won two more victories in the last of its games. The Portsters defeated powerful Roslyn team last Friday night by one point, 24-23, and returned Monday to give a more decisive defeat to Sea Cliff, 28-20.

The Roslyn game was a fast ball game with the lead changing several times. By the end of the first half the visiting Roslyn team held a narrow lead of one point over the "Blue and Whites" of Port, the score being 8 to 9 at the half. A third period power drive by Port was the deciding factor of the game. The Port quintet scored three times as many points in the second half as they did in the first half. Johnnie Smith sunk a foul shot to tie the score 16 all.

Jessen Breaks Tie

Then Andy Jessen took the ball that had been hurled by Grezjka and made a basket, putting Port in the lead for the first time. The Port razzle-dazzle didn't stop till they had an eight point lead over their opponents. Then it was Roslyn's turn to sink a few baskets. In a volley of good shots the Roslyn team sank four baskets and earned two points on foul shots. The score stood 24, 23, Port's favor and 40 seconds to play. The Port quintet was able to keep control of the ball and win its biggest victory of the season.

Port Sinks Sea Cliff

The same Port team returned to the gym Monday and fought a winning battle with the visiting Sea Cliff team. This was the first time these two teams have met and Port held a substantial lead throughout most of the game. At the half Port led Sea Cliff 12 to 8. Again Port's big drive came in the third period and the "Blues and Whites" took a 2 to 1 lead over the Sea Cliff team. However, Fred Brundage, captain of the "Red and Whites", sunk basket after basket to narrow down the margin to 28-20 when the game ended, the third successive victory for Port.

French Club Initiates Members

At the second meeting of the French Club, organized last year by Miss Buckley, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, December 19, at 3:30, about 17 new members were initiated. Two-minute speeches in French were given by all new members, and proved very hilarious. The official name of the French Club is now "Les Faux Pas", literally translated from the French to mean "mistakes". Dues were voted upon by the members to be 10 cents a month. A program committee, co-chairmen, Virginia Finlay and Eleanor Beston were chosen. The meeting was very successful, and the club promises to be very active this coming year.

The following members were present: Jean Lewis, Frank Parker, Rose Smiles, Virginia Costello, Virginia Finlay, Ethel Bralla, Brenda Rich, Rebecca Wy-song, E. Beston, B. Davidson, S. Dusenberre, B. Morris, H. Stephenson, P. Morris, J. Swain, J. Freeman, J. Harrison, A. Westergaard, J. Dendieval, E. Jenkins, D. Latham, J. Anderson, R. Beckley, D. Carlson, E. Calvelli.



We wish to thank Miss Allison's art classes for the cuts of this issue.
THE EDITORS.

Port Weekly Efficiency Increased By New Reporters; Homeroom Teachers Appoint Student Representatives

In order to increase the efficiency of the news gathering staff of the Port Weekly each homeroom teacher has assigned a pupil to the post of homeroom reporter. It will be the job of each reporter to hand in all happenings of news value. It is hoped that this system will provide a greater variety of news. The following reporters are requested to attend a Port Weekly meeting at 12:30 on Tuesday, January 2, in the Port Weekly room:

Home Room Reporters

Room 101	Robert Cornell	Room 203	Cecilia Douglas
102	Ted Farrelly	204	Dick Samms
103	Jean Galloway	205	Louise Moore
104	Mechelina Procelli	206	Shirley Lawton
105	Ruth Scholl	207	Bert Schauer
107	Nancy Cruse	208	Rutledge Ray
108	Lester Hehn	209	Dale Ely
109	Dot Lunde	211	Joanne Williamson
201	Robert Bangs		

Coming Attractions

Friday, December 22—School closes today at noon.
Friday, December 22—Xmas Ball, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, by invitation only.
Saturday, December 23—Fratry dance in cafeteria, 8:30 p. m., Muro's orchestra.
Wednesday, December 27—Methodist Church dance, 8:30 p. m., Walker's orchestra.
Friday, December 29—Y. P. F. dance, 9:00 p. m., Muro's orchestra.
Tuesday, January 2—School opens at 8:45 a. m.

Cheer Leaders Form Club

A regularly constituted club has been formed by 20 of our Port High cheer leaders. The club will consist of 10 boys and 10 girls. Officers have not been elected as yet nor has the club been recognized by the G. O.

It is planned that eight cheer leaders will attend each out-of-town game. Four boys will go in the bus with the squad and four girls will ride on the students' bus.

Bus tickets are being sold for the basketball game at Garden City on January 5. Tickets will cost 15 cents.

Traffic Squad Rules Strictly Enforced

Since the enforcement of several new laws, the traffic squad has issued tickets to six people. They are Miss Chambers, Odd Hope, Angelo Manso, Mr. Schreiber, H. Johanson, and F. Cowley. These people were apprehended for failure to stop before entering or leaving the parking space, where an officer is on duty throughout the lunch period. In the future, bicyclists who fail to stop and students who walk in the driveway instead of on the sidewalk will also receive tickets.

The penalty for the first infraction of any one of these rules is a trip to the office and a stiff talking to by Mr. Merrill.

Welcome Back Alumni

With the many schools and colleges out for the Christmas vacation, we welcome back many of our friends who have left us.

The following were visitors to the Port Weekly room, and whose faces we were glad to see: John and Alex Wilkie, Warren Lawrence, Louis Bottiglieri, Frances Tench, Bob Brock, Donald Lord, Ernie Mazur and Susie Keshishian, Eileen Monfort and Bayard Osborne.

Fratry To Give Annual Dance Tomorrow, December 23, 8.30

Muro Brothers Orchestra To Provide Music At Event;
Admission To Cafeteria \$1.00 Couple, \$1.50 Stag

Froeliche Weihnachten und ein glueckliches neues Jahr
Felices Pascu' as de naridad Prospero ano nuevo!
Joyeux Noel et Nouvelle Annee
Laet a Saturnolia
Speco Una Buona Festa di Natale
God Jue ock Gott Nytt Ore
Wesolego Bozego Narodzenia
May You Have Many Merry Christmases.

The Fratry's Christmas Dance will be held in the cafeteria on Saturday, December 23rd, with music supplied by the Muro Brothers orchestra. The price of admission will be 1.00 for couples and \$1.50 for stags.

It is likely that the music will rank with the best, for the Muro Brothers band has played a great many engagements at Jones Beach.

Arrangements for the dance have been made very thoroughly and it is promised that this dance will be one of the most enjoyable affairs that have been held here recently. The chairmen of the various committees that are in charge of the dance are Doug Donald, Decorations; Sarge Wise, Refreshments; Bud McQuade, Publicity; Ray Finlay, Posters; Vic DeMeo, Tickets.

Among the publicity efforts of the dance committee have been a skit presented in assembly last Friday and numerous posters placed in various parts of the school. Doug Donald, Sonny Morrison, Sarge Wise, and Henry Pepper were the Fratry members who acted out the little show.

Bessel Handled Mike

Recently the Fratry has been selling ice cream at the basketball games and also has set up an amplifying system for the purpose of "broadcasting" the games. Bob Bessel has handled the mike on these occasions, and has proved his worth as a sports commentator. If it is continued it is certain that this feature will be one of the most popular attractions at the games.

Speaker At Clio Meeting On Dec. 14

On Thursday afternoon, December 14, the Clio held its last meeting before the Xmas holidays. The speaker was Mr. Zalles from the Henry George School of Social Science, who spoke on the philosophy of Henry George. As the club has considered taking the course offered by the school, this talk was very enlightening to the members. Mr. Zalles stated that the economic problems of today are at the bottom of all social and financial problems in America.

Sally Dusenberre, Chairman

During the business meeting which preceded the program of the afternoon, the club voted on the subjects for the future programs of the year. Fourteen were chosen from a list of 24 topics. All the topics will be of vital interest to those who keep up with current problems and events.

Sally Dusenberre, chairman of the Washington committee, presented her plans for the trip to Washington in the spring and reported that the committee has been dicker with the railroad.

Art Group To Visit Museum

On December 29 during the Christmas holidays the members of the Art Club and the Art Appreciation class will journey to New York to the Metropolitan and the Whitney Museums. There they will see some of the lesser known objects of art, such as lace, armor, and furniture.

The group will leave about 10 o'clock and return about 5. There will be no charge to the students and they will bring their own lunch.

Celerity Fixes Toys For Poor Children

This year, as every year, the Celerity Club fixed toy boxes for needy children. The recipient home chosen this time was St. Giles' Home in Garden City where poor children afflicted with infantile paralysis are cared for.

Response to Celerity's plea for toys outgrown by high school students was rather small, but some few interested people ransacked their attics and old toy boxes, and brought games, dolls, marbles, soldiers, and various other playthings.

At the meeting of December 15, Celerity girls divided into groups of four or five, each group to fill one Christmas box for one child. Each committee decided what age the child should be, and whether it should be a boy or a girl. Then the activity began. Home attics were reloaded. Gay ribbons and merry Christmas paper were bought at the "5 and 10". Card-board cartons were obtained from Mr. Allen, and these were covered with red or green tissue paper and jingle bell stickers.

Each group was given one dollar for expenses, and this quickly melted away at the "5 and 10", being spent for candy canes, popcorn, and such. There was friendly rivalry between the committees as to which would produce the merriest-looking box, and the wrappings and gathering of presents for the little boy or girl became a fascinating, heart-warming affair. The cloud of Christmas spirit could almost be cut in Miss Sammis' room from Friday until Wednesday, when the deadline for the boxes was set. Miss Sammis, well-known as Celerity's advisor, offered her car for the transportation of the toy boxes over to St. Giles' Home, and several of the members pledged their help likewise. Many of the girls were very interested to see the home, and went along to visit when the boxes were taken over.

As is the case in many helpful activities, the gathering of gifts for the children became a pleasurable one for the girls, and perhaps it added a little something to their own enjoyment of Christmas.

Mr. Ehre Elected Advisor

The Varsity Club at their last meeting elected for the coming year Mr. Ehre as their faculty advisor. Mr. Ehre stated that the club would go in for more activity this year. The boys and Mr. Ehre are sticking their heads together and planning some fun for the coming year.



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Happy Christmas

This should be a gay Christmas for us, but one with an underlying serious expression of thanks that we are a nation blessed. We will not dwell on particulars; it is not necessary, we think.
 A Merry Christmas to every one of us, and to every one of you over there, too.

Credit Where Credit - - -

It is not just the benevolent spirit of Christmas that prompts us to bestow garlands on the Celerity and the Student Council. Both organizations have established credit accounts in these columns.

To the Celerity, the honorary girls' club of the school, goes our gratitude for having assumed the task of collecting toys to distribute to hospitalized children who otherwise would not have them on Christmas, the one day of the year which for children is barren without toys. It is a good thing for some of us to consider the life of such children. It is not superiority which sets our station of life in youth; those who fail to appreciate that narrow gap which separate the comfortable from the destitute, might profit more from spending Christmas day in meditation in the manner of Dickens's Scrooge than in happiness. It would be a purifying experience for them.

Thank you, Miss Sammis, Ellie Beston, and Celerity members.

The work of the Student Council touched us more closely, and though it perhaps fails to arouse the tender sentiments that the preceding paragraph brings up, it is no less laudable. Tedious labor too often goes unpraised, and the Council has waded through so many "issues" that they are becoming common. We have criticized the Council's methods in this space strongly; we maintain our right and duty to do so, but it is not the motives of our legislators that have ever proved objectionable. The people in our Council at present, who naturally are the target for more criticism than any other school body, have done a great deal to make the Council respected. For their many noble motives and frequent feats, we salute them.

Thank you, Mr. Scherer, John Schaeffer and Council members.

School Room Decorations

We are pleased to note many rooms throughout the school have been decorated according to the Yuletide spirit. Some rooms have attractive wreaths in the doors, and greens decorating the room. Others have small wreaths located in conspicuous places.

Outside the auditorium and in the lunch room, are beautifully decorated Christmas trees which have on them colored lights and tinsel.

This is an excellent way to show Christmas spirit, that the school wishes the students a very Merry Christmas.

A New Year's Resolution

"Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife;
 Ring in the nobler modes of life,
 With sweeter manners, purer laws."

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Maddening Day I Became Mad!

First of all, it was all too hot! Secondly, the seconds flew! Third, I had wasted a third of the day, trying to find the hammer. When found, I began mourning in the morning. The hammer hit my nail instead of hitting the nail. The picture! It fell! I was trying to hang it but it fell with me in its wake. The glass didn't have to cut me but it did! Most iodine is for such cuts. Mine wasn't! It fell to the floor! Wiping it up, Fate decreed that I must get a splinter.

This done, I heated a needle to remove the lumber. The first needle fell into the gas flame. The second followed. So did the third. The fourth, too. The fifth also. I couldn't find a sixth. The splinter stayed in my thumb. It was noon too soon. I was hungry. I put milk on the stove and the doorbell rang. I answered the door and the milk boiled over. The gas went out. Coming back, I lit a match. The escaped gas exploded. !!!!!***** I DID TOO!

A white car drove away from my house. I was in it. The man driving was in white. I sat in the front seat at the back. The driver kept turning round crooked straight corners. I asked, "Where to?" He answered, "To see a dead donkey die." They were crazy. I told him so. They were all crazy. Yes! They must be crazy. We drove through an iron gate. They locked it. I got out. I saw a house. The windows were barred. What right had they to bring me here? Now I became madder than mad. This was too much. And to top it all a man came up to me and said he was Napoleon. Jumping at his throat I screamed, "You are not! THAT'S WHO I AM!"

Music Pendulum Swings

It is gratifying to note that the pendulum of music popularity is swinging towards the classical side. In a recent survey, there was the convincing report that young America is favoring "sweet and slow" songs. Even here in our own school, the half hour of music each noon in the music room has been well attended. Several students sauntered up the first week on the presumption that there would be a jam session. Their slight enthusiasm was re-buffed with the strains of Beethoven and Bach. However, eventually persuaded to remain for the rest of the period, these jitterbugs became interested and perked up a bit in spite of themselves. When the more familiar tunes of Wagner, Toscanini, and Rossini reached their ears, they really decided to stay awhile.

Just this week, a party of 52 debutantes decided on semi-classical music instead of swing for their ball. Strauss waltzes are also becoming more popular.

Best Sellers Find Way Into Library

Do you read just for the pastime or read to get something out of the book? Your library has all the books you want. Every month more best sellers are finding a place on the shelves.

"S-54", Ellsbery. Gives a thrilling account of modern seafaring men and men who roam the ocean floor.

Two new books of Masefield's, "Dead Ned" and "Live And Kicking Ned", are the autobiography of a young man who is hanged and comes to life. His journey's end and return to England is in the second book mentioned.

Here is the best seller of the week on our own Library shelf, "Escape", by Ethel Vance. Read this book, it is exciting, all the way through.

The non-fiction list is slowly but surely growing. "The Royal Canadian Mounted Police", by Fetherstonhough, gives a true picture of these men and their work. Jack London scores again with "Jack London And His Times". This story is of the famous author written by his daughter.

Give the library a chance to make your life more interesting by going there and at least looking through the many, many new books that are on the shelves not listed in this article.

Are You Photogenic?

Maybe some of the students of this school have seen several persons walking around the building with their heads stuck inside of huge and gigantic envelopes. The explanation is that the Senior pictures have arrived, and the students are secretly admiring their handsome or beautiful selves as the case may be. It has been not an uncommon sight to see huge envelopes reminiscent of the Hindenburg, sail majestically across the room and land with a big crash in the lap of the boy's favorite girl friend. She sticks her head into the envelope and faints. Thus the Senior pictures have arrived.

All Around Rambles From The Crowd

Mary Church will have a lot of fun now that John Keany is back and Carol Van Zandt will be all tied up with Bryce Kirk who is expected home sometime this week.

Jean Lewis came to the game, not with friend Jim Renson but some smooth out-of-towner. Come on, Jean, tell us where you found him.

Helen Allington's little sugar, Dale Bosworth has come home and it is rumored that Helen is all atwitter about it (However she was seen at the Roslyn game with a light haired stranger!)

Mrs. Reid is giving a dance Friday night at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club—the Woolley-Morgan, Baker-Thomason, Ames-Studebaker, Calvelli-Finlay, Mortimer Beckley and Helena Adams (oh Terry) combinations should be present.

The Alga Phi is having a party this Friday. Have any of the gals asked you?

Late notices for the Fraternity Dance—Bayard Osborne and Dot Latham (Dot won out on that deal), Elodie Loiseux and old faithful Gordon Ross; Jim Renson and Edward Bailey won't talk; Virginia Finlay will be there with one of her various admirers, which one we cannot disclose.

Last Friday night about five hundred people saw Port beat Roslyn 24-23. Bob Bessell's voice contributed a steady stream of timely information and chatter. By attending the game we learned that there is a new cheerleader, Beverly Amthor, and that the noise of the spectators nearly drowned out the public address system. Some of the couples observed at the tussle were: Phyllis Warren and H. Frost, Pussy Markland and Jean Rankin, Don Cromwell and Virginia Wilburt, "Quizz" and Ruth Scholl, Rene

Stephenson and Rutledge Ray (Oh Boy!), Eugene Calvelli and Virginia Finlay, Bandfield and Dendieval.

We have noticed that quite a few boys have been wearing the Alga Phi pins lately. Are they getting careless or are you joining, boys? Incidentally, Mary Nicholson still has her's, fellas!

Yes sir, tomorrow night the Fraternity will give their annual dance, and from what we hear, it's a fact! Some of the happy (and regular) hoofers will be Jean Rankin and Newell Kearton, Mary Nicholson and Rod Beebe, Rutledge Ray and Howie Stephenson, Phyllis Warren and Henry Frost, Jean Mellor and Harold Johnson, Aletha Hamm and John Bonnin, Midge White (Oh Andy!) and Quizzie, Carol Van Zandt and Charlie Hewitt, Dave Sprague and Sally Redfield, Ruth Scholl and Al Terry, Doc and Rosie, Eddie Leahy, Maryjane Ford, Barbara Kerby, Bill Bishoff.

Charlie Hewitt had a small shindig at his house last week. Pussly Markland and Jean Rankin and Mary Nicholson and the host completed the party. . . . Who's the blonde girl Joe Biro spent all study hall period Monday morning trying to get the telephone number of? He must be too lazy to look in the phone book. . . . Ilse Senn left for Florida last Monday for a short vacation. Bill's kind of disappointed about the Fraternity dance.

Oh, to be 18 again! Veronica S. and Victoria K. just reached the goal of youth a few days before Christmas.

Madeline Fasano is still waiting for the day when she will also become the lady of his dreams. Santa looks as if he might be the one person who may be able to help her.

7B's Thank
Swing Band

The Port Junior

Holiday
Greetings

Fordham Loses Game To NYU

By TED PARMELEE

The Fordham Rams, captained by Raymond Veit, sustained their third loss of the season at the hands of N. Y. U. under the leadership of Walter Zebrowski in the final of three games played on December 13th.

The score was 18 to 12. The outcome of the game was never in doubt as N. Y. U., capitalizing on every opportunity, far outclassed Fordham. It was only through the outstanding shooting of Bobby Zwerlein that the game was not more one-sided. For N. Y. U. Emil Wenner and Patsy Indence, each with six points, were outstanding.

Night Before Xmas, 1939

By READE KIERNAN

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even the oil-burner.

The college sox (latest mode) were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that Uncle Money-Bags soon would be there.

The jitterbugs were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of jam-sessions danced in their heads.

And Toots in her hostess gown and I in my cap,

Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out on the pent-house porch there rose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore down the curtains, and broke the glass.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature blimp (a silver Goodyear).

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be LaGuardia.

More rapid than eagles his Bombers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and cursed them for shame.

As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney Dear Money-Bags came with a bound.

His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.

The stump of a licorice cigar he held in his teeth,

And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a round face and a round little belly

That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of Jello (in six delicious flavors).

A wiggle of his ear and a step of the Shag,

Soon gave me to know he had something in the bag.

He spoke not a word (anti-noise campaigner,

But filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose (Shirley Temple pose),

And giving a nod, out the window he blows.

He sprang to his blimp with a "Goodnight, Folkas",

And away they flew to the tune of the Beer Barrel Polka,

But I heard him exclaim, just before he fled,

"Go to Barney's for your second-hand bed."

THE END.

Rooms Are Decorated

When the Yule Season rolls around the Weather Man takes a hand in dressing up the landscape so the world seems new and gorgeous.

And in school the homerooms, which are usually rather uninteresting, take on new life and color as the spirit of Yuletide decoration reaches the Junior High.

Miss Palmer's room is transformed with red and green tinsel, silver bells, and pictures of good old Santa filling stockings with all kinds of goodies.

In Miss Marks's homeroom sits St. Nicholas himself (at least the upper half of him) perched possessively on top of the lockers with miniature trees all around him to make him feel at home.

Miss Reichl's room boasts a clever drawing of a small boy looking with envious eyes in a Christmas window. The drawing is large and done with colored chalk.

Pine boughs, cards, green and red tinsel decorate Mr. Haron's room making it seem very holidayish indeed.

A lovely large Christmas tree is the center of attraction in Miss MacLaren's room. It is drawn on the blackboard in colored chalk.

Miss Thorne's room is gayly decorated with Yuletide pictures and signs wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Homeroom 308 has a real Xmas tree, six feet tall and decorated with lights, tinsel and Christmas balls.

Santa can't enjoy watching us work so hard just to get a full stocking. Perhaps next year we might decorate the teachers with little silver bells. But remember this year not to open any package until President Roosevelt says it's Christmas.

Santa Comes Via War Zone

Oh, dear, the most dreadful thought has occurred to me! This terrible thought has formulated itself so quickly, that I've scarcely had time to think what to do! Well, I won't keep you in the dark any longer:

What would happen, if, when Santa Claus, flying down through the night from the North Pole on Christmas Eve, should suddenly look down at the earth and see anti-aircraft guns trained up at him, about ready to send a rain of bullets at him!

Santa's reindeer are faithful and swift enough for ordinary purposes, but surely they couldn't get away in time to save Santa's life and the sleighful of toys. And, unless Santa had foresight enough to take some bombs or drop (which peace-loving Santa could never do), Christmas Day would be changed from a day of rejoicing to a day of sorrow and mourning. None of the children would have their stockings filled with good things or be able to open mysterious packages on Christmas morning.

It isn't Santa's fault that he has to fly over the war zone. And he's so dutifully minded, he wouldn't consider waiting till things cleared up a bit.

But, after thinking things over a while, I guess if Santa could solve the problem of getting in and out of people's chimneys, he will think of some way to get out of this fix, so I guess I'll leave it up to him!

Dear Mr. Claus

Dear Santa:

After conducting a school-wide survey of what people want for Christmas, we observe that most people want so much that they can't decide definitely. But here are a few last-minute orders which we confidently know you can fill.

If your sleigh won't hold them all, just send them C.O.D. **Bob Fitz** wants a little rubber dolly! **Martha Whitcomb** wants snow. **Bunty Hegarty** wants a horse. **Ted Parmel** has asked for a suit of red flannel underwear and also, in the coming year, he wants his name spelled correctly on the editorial column.

Posy Van Zandt says she would like most of all, a teddy bear! **Jimmy Roberts** insists he wants nothing but a to-tem pole. Hard-working **Miss Kinne** craves a vacation. **Gino Brock** wants a couple of pairs of skis. **Betty Jane Singleton** would be satisfied with an airplane. **Barbara Weinrechter** would like a Rolls Royce. **Matilda Schreiber** would love a white and brown bunny rabbit. **Peggy Seaman** wants a real horse. (No hobby horses, acceptable.) **Donald Wysong** has his eye on a printing press. (competition for the Port Junior **David Sipperly** wants a whole lot of phonographs of dance bands. **Mary Lyons** asks for the scarf that was mentioned in the Port Junior a while ago **Ruth Lee Seaman**, like many others wants a portable radio. **Steve Bomer** wants a rifle, red shirt, a red hat, and lots of ducks. **Eloise Frost** only wants a diamond. (that's all) **Franny Griffes** wants a man. **Patsy Reid** wants a radio, **Lambie Wysong** wants a victrola, and **Margaret Ross** wants a portable radio and a bicycle.

First Case Tried In Traffic Court

I recently had my first experience with our traffic squad at Junior High School. It seems that Connie Campbell and I disobeyed temporary instructions concerning a recently painted passageway.

We were brought before the Junior High Traffic Court and charged with disobeying orders. We were found guilty and as a penalty we were ordered to write what we thought of the traffic squad.

I think it is an excellent idea to have a traffic squad to direct traffic in as large a school as ours. It prevents congestion on the stairways and in the halls and permits the prompt moving of students from one room to another.

Some of the violations of traffic rules are thoughtless and I realize that it is a good thing for the school to have an organization to call them to the attention of the student body. However, it is my firm opinion that partiality and politics should not be played by members of the Junior High Traffic Squad since they are being groomed for the leaders of tomorrow.

Seventh Graders Express Thanks

The Seventh Grade homerooms, 205, 311, and 308, under the sponsorship of Miss MacLaren, Miss Mandigo, and Mr. Allen, wish to express publicly, their thanks to the many people who made their party on last Thursday a success.

Special thanks go to Miss Marks, who helped the committee make the punch and to Mrs. Columbia who instructed the reception committee; to Mrs. Driscoll and Mr. Rogo for their help

(Continued Column 4)

Junior High Volley Ball Teams Lose All Games To Senior High

Superior Height Of Miss Maher's Girls Gives Them Advantage Over Their Lilliputian Rivals

Our Volley Ball teams, all four of them, went to Senior High School on Tuesday afternoon "just for the ride". Strangely enough our second and fourth teams made the best showing if scores are any indication, (explanatory note: our coach was always weak in mathematics).

Dramatics Club Gives Plays

The Dramatics Club is now holding an Inter Club Play Contest. The Club is divided into four groups. These groups will each put on a play and the two best ones will be selected to be given in assembly.

The group headed by Jeanne Rosenberg gave their play last Thursday, December 14. It was entitled "Candlelight". The scene of the play was the apartment of a prince in Vienna during the days of wine, woman and song. The characters are as follows:

Roger Montgomery, Prince Rudolph; Bob Walters, Josef the Butler; Jeanne Rosenberg, Mitzi the Parlor Maid; James Roberts, The Baron; Frances Shaver, The Baroness; Ruth Mueller, Hilda the Maid; Sylvia Strange, Josef's Conscience.

The group headed by John Forbes was supposed to put on their play but due to the absence of John Forbes the group was unable to put on their play. The fate of this group lies in the decision of the members of the Dramatics Club.

The other plays were put on yesterday.

The Gentle Art Of Badminton

I had finally done it. I had promised Maud to try out for girl's sports. I was going to be very athletic this season and "go out" for *everything*. And I was going to start with indoor badminton. I followed Maud down to the gym and armed myself with what looked like a very emaciated tennis racket and a ping-pong ball which had decided to sprout feathers. I later learned that these were called the battledore and the shuttle-cock, respectively. (Racket and bold to youse guys.)

"Let's warm up a little," shouted Maud. I firmly grasped my racket and waited for the first shot. I had dabbled in the gentle art of tennis and so I *knew* this was going to be simple. Over soared (and I do mean soared) the bird. It was heading right for me . . . "What am I waiting for? I'm waiting for it to bounce, of course! Oh, it's not supposed to bounce!"

"Well, serve it again, Maud." Here it came again. I swung. "\$&'&?!\$&'". Oh, well, a miss is as good as a mile . . . "Let me try to serve this one, Maud . . . O-o-ops. Hey, get that basketball out of here! Oh, no, it's quite alright. I'm used to having basketballs bump me on the head . . . Now watch out, Maud, I'm going to serve. O-o-o! I hit it! What! You mean to say it had to go over the net!

"Maud! Maud, let's go home and play Chinese Checkers!"

with the games; to Miss Hansen and Mr. Gardner for aiding the classes to write letters of invitation; and to Mr. Johnson for permission to hold the affair.

The most noticeable weakness of our teams was in altitude. Their technique justifies the belief that they will be outstanding players when they attain their growth. The games should have been advertised: Gulliver's (High School) vs Lilliputians (our teams). But in spite of this handicap of size, these players showed exceptionally good form: E. Dumpson, C. Gibson, R. Natale, and the Edwards' sisters. The first team was defeated by a score of 30-16, second team 30-22, third team 35-22, and the fourth team 30-20. In future game it will be necessary to do one of two things, lower the nets or put the players on stilts.

The Junior High School lineups were as follows:

Team 1: Natale, Mangano, Gibson, Moshier, Cappy, Caruso, Hedges, Trinchitelli, Hall and Farrelly.

Team 2: Antonelli, Campbell Twins, J. Antonelli, Neumann, Marino, Trinchitelli, Novinski and Markland.

Team 3: Dumpson, Hilton, Allen, Damsgaard, Lockman, Caruso, L. B. Singleton, Dellavecchia, and B. J. Singleton.

Team 4: Edwards, Ehnat, Sierzputowski, Daknis, B. Edwards, Jones, Cocks, Umlauf, McKenna and Smith.

Jr. High P-TA Party A Success

The card party given last Friday evening at the Main Street School by the Junior High Parent-Teachers' Association was a decided success both socially and financially. Over 100 people attended, due to the efficient management of Mrs. Frank E. Sherman, chairman, and her committees and the generous support of town tradesmen in contributing to the door prizes and refreshments.

The following won door prizes: Mrs. Carl Lord, first winner; the Mesdames Lyons, Brock, Munce, Craemer, Hulst, Hunold, Rosenberg, Baker, B. Morgan, H. Ludwig, Mottola; Miss Kinne, J. C. Roberts, Albert Strange, W. R. Hill and Daniel Hegeman.

The officers of the Junior High P-T. A. wish to express their appreciation to all who contributed in any way to the success of the evening and to the following who generously donated door prizes:

Lewis Coal and Oil Company, Public Meat Market, Manhattan Food Store, Piping Rock Dairy, Greenfield Pharmacy, Hunold's Pharmacy, Park Laundry, Port Washington Cash and Carry Cleaners, Franklin Shops, Hulst Motors, Gohler's Bakery, Giner's Bakery, Beacon Theater, Cora and Bessie's, Mary's Beauty Shop; to Borden's, who supplied cream for the coffee served, and the A. & P. for candy donated.

Several announcements as to future activities of the Association were made by the president, Mr. Fred McNutt, and by Mrs. Graham Montgomery, vice-president.



SPORTS

By HARRY HELFRICH
 What apparently will be a successful season for the Port cagers has gotten well underway. By defeating Roslyn 24-23 last Friday and Sea Cliff 28-20 Monday the boys now hold the impressive record of three games won and one lost. As there are no more games until after the holidays the Blue and White will have plenty of chance to polish their game for their first league encounter at Garden City on January 5.

The Roslyn game was a "corker", for the outcome was in doubt until the final gun was fired. With five minutes to play the Roslyn quintet, behind 24-18, staged a save rally that carried them to within two points of winning the game and left the Port rooters limp with excitement and nervous prostration.

The Sea Cliff game was interesting but not quite so exciting as the Roslyn game, for, after Port had taken a 23-12 lead at the third quarter there was little doubt but that Port would win. We must, however, take our hat off to Brundage, the Sea Cliff captain, who played a bang-up game in the last quarter, scoring four field goals from incredible angles and vainly attempting to rally his teammates in a lost cause.

By playing an aggressive and fast game, sparked by excellent passing and teamwork, the Port cagers have been able to overcome their lack in height. Then, too, this team realizes the importance of training and can be counted on to be in condition for every game. The way in which guards Smith and Grezjka have been grabbing the ball off the backboard cannot pass without mention, while Jessen's follow-up shots on rebounds off the backboard have been an important factor in the Port offense. "Cosmo" Morrison has shown himself to be the most dangerous Port shooter on the court, while "Yokes" Zaremba has been improving his eye with every game and his four field goals in the Sea Cliff game definitely mark him as a dangerous man on short shots from the side forecourt.

As to the individual scoring:

	G	F	P
Jessen	14	3	31
Morrison	11	6	28
Zaremba	9	1	19
J. Smith	7	3	17
Grezjka	3	0	6
Caputo	1	0	2
Peper	0	2	2

The second team won a close game from Roslyn, 22-20, with "Nick" Fasano scoring the amazing total of 14 points, but lost to Sea Cliff 19-17 in an overtime period. This team, composed mainly of Sophomores, has played swell basketball and should provide some excellent material for the first team in future seasons. Fasano and D'Agostino look as if they are ready to step up to the first team should the need arise.

By E. JENKINS

Comparative activity has marked the past week in girls' sports. There has been a great hustle to get at least the first round of badminton and ping pong matches played off in the tournament before today and the start of Christmas recess. The badminton tournament is progressing at a great pace, and the contests have been very interesting to watch. Soon the real competition will begin and there is much speculation over the probable winner. Mildred Lang and Babs Noss are some of the favorites. This is the first time in several seasons that there has not been a Muro girl competing; those girls really could play!

Probably the most prominent activity right now is Volley Ball since it has attracted a large number of interested girls who are trying their best to improve their technique. However, despite their earnest efforts they were unable to make a very good showing yesterday in a match with Hicksville. Four teams went out of town for this contest, but none of them was able to win. The outstanding fault in the Port playing was the lack of passing.

The girls would always attempt to get the ball over the net by themselves instead of passing it on to the next fellow in a better position to make the play. Even so there is a decided improvement in the type of game played this year, and the girls practiced steadily this week to strengthen their attack. This game, which used to be regarded as a sissy one, is now recognized as a test of skill by anyone who has tired his hand at it. On Tuesday, the young Junior High players came up to give us some competition. As we go to press, the results of these games are not known, but we hope that the older girls proved their ability.

The ping-pong tournament started at the beginning of the week. It will be very interesting to watch the progress made here because there shall undoubtedly be some close competition later on.



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The By-Products Of Christmas

By JEAN LEWIS

The department stores have closed their doors, heavy drapes cover the colorful Christmas windows, and for the first time in many weeks there is a subdued air and a quiet, about the business center in New York. The few passersby are hurrying past the closed shops with a few last-minute bundles in their hands, candles for the table, ribbon for the wreath or the ingredients for a bowl of punch. Tonight there is a haven and a place of happiness for everyone at home. The last train is bringing belated commuters homeward; it seems to be a longer ride tonight than ever before, there are so many things to be done at home, and the train is so much slower because of the fresh snow on the rails.

It is 9:00 P. M. and the family car is just turning in the drive, the Christmas Eve church service is over. The family scatters to do the various trivial, yet important, tasks that each one finds he must do before Christmas is complete. Carol is wrapping some of David's last minute packages that require a bit of extra fussing and extra cellophane because they are something special. Dad is testing the lights on the tree, and Mother because she knows that no Christmas Eve is quite complete without eggnog, is putting the finishing touches on her concoction.

The silver icicles are brought from the closet, and the family gathers from all parts of the house to make their tree complete with this last touch.

I hope the children will like their presents — goodness knows they've waited long enough for them, Mother is thinking.

Carol whips together an especially frothy cellophane bow and fastens it carefully—"Mom and Dad are going to like this I know. What did you say, David?" "Merry Christmas," says David, who is really very careful about observing such formalities even at the age of 5.

The last icicle is glistening on the tree, the eggnog is really the best yet, and the snow will be perfect for skiing tomorrow. Christmas means so much, yet it is the little things that count.

Library Obtains New Book

Fiction

Boylston—Sue Barton; Rural Nurse. The fourth book in the series of Sue Barton stories.

Callahan—Hurrah's Nest. A strange and extraordinary story of a son-in-law of a well-known Standard Oil millionaire who discovered, settled, and made himself king of an South Atlantic island.

Caryell—Klondike Gold. Gold glaciers, Eskimos, furs—whatever your interest may be in Alaska—you will be sure to find adventure.

Deming—Penny Marsh: Supervisor of Public Health Nurses.

Douglas—Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal. Not a sequel to "Magnificent Obsession", but rather a look into the journal which contains the philosophy.

Ellsberg—S-54. Thrilling accounts of modern seafaring and of men who roam the ocean floor.

Gale—Magna; the story of a girl and her love for two men, and of how she had to choose.

Golding—Mr. Emmanuel. An intensely moving narrative of present days in European countries.

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